Members have filled more than 200 positions on STMA's committees or task forces. These volunteers range from seasoned committee veterans to new association members. Committees provide member perspective and assist with the development of association programs and services. This strong involvement is another indicator that sports turf managers are engaged in STMA and have a passion for advancing the association. Committee volunteers have many leadership traits that translate to tangible benefits for their athletic facility. Those who volunteer outside of work contribute strongly to the overall success of the athletic facility.

2007 STMA Committees Awards

To judge the association's awards program applicants selecting the Field of the Year winners, the Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year, and to develop strategies to enhance the programs. Steve LeGros, Chair
Carol Baker, CSFM
Doug Linde, Ph.D.
Scott MacVicar
Chuck Pula
David Rulli - Board Liaison
Jim Welschans

Certification

To develop strategies to grow the number of certified members; to consistently monitor the program and recommend enhancements to ensure that the program is the top achievement for sports turf managers:

Troy Smith, Chair
Larry Berry, CSFM
Darin Budak, CSFM
Clark Cox, CSFM
Jesse Driver, CSFM
Eric Fastender, CSFM
Michael Goatley, Jr., Ph.D.
Jason Henderson, Ph.D.
Ron Hostick, CSFM

Anthony Koski, Ph.D.
Mary Owen
Rick Peruzzi, CSFM
Mike Schiller, CSFM
George Trivett, CSFM

Chapter Relations

To create a chapter structure that is beneficial locally and nationally; to financially assist chapters with their administrative, operations and educational efforts; to facilitate the sharing of best practices:

Amy Fouty, CSFM, Chair
Chris Brindley
Richard Buelter
Dan Douglas
Kevin Meredith
David Pisonneault - Board Liaison
Craig Potts
Michael Tarantino
Dale Wiley
Anthony Wise

Conference

To develop all content, sessions, workshops and off-site venues, and select speakers and moderators for the next year's conference that will make it a "must attend" event for members and nonmembers; to recommend strategies that will drive attendance to the exhibition and add value to exhibitors:

Aby McNeal, CSFM, Chair
Ryan Sneed, Co-Chair
David Minner, Ph.D. - Conference Education Subcommittee Chair
Tra DuBois - Conference Exhibition Subcommittee Chair
Chris Calcaterra, CSFM & Sara Martin - Conference Tours Subcommittee Co-chairs
Larry DiVito - Offsite Workshop Subcommittee Chair
Jeff Salmond, CSFM - Conference Student Challenge Subcommittee Chair

STMA reorganized its committee system to involve more members in committee service and to make the most effective use of volunteers' time. Sources: GCSAA Leader Board, Vol. 3, Number 3; Why Volunteer? http://www.merrillassociates.net/topic/2003/11/why-volunteers/
Pinsonneault appointed to STMA Board

STMA President Mike Andresen, CSFM has appointed David Pinsonneault, Public Grounds Superintendent for the Town of Lexington, MA to the STMA Board of Directors. Pinsonneault fills the Parks and Recreation Director position left vacant in February by the resignation of Lance Tibbetts, CSFM. Tibbetts resigned to spend more time with his family. Pinsonneault will complete Tibbet’s term, which ends in January 2008.

Pinsonneault is responsible for the overall operation of the Park, Forestry, Streetlight and Cemetery Divisions within the Public Works Department, which encompass approximately 600 acres of land, four cemeteries, more than 3,000 streetlights and approximately 10,000 street trees. He supervises a staff of 22 full-time employees.

Pinsonneault holds a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of New Hampshire. He also graduated from the Park Maintenance and Management School sponsored by the National Park and Recreation Association and North Carolina State University. He is a Certified Arborist, Certified Playground Safety Inspector, Certified Aquatic Facility Operator, and Certified Park and Recreation Professional. He is a member of numerous associations and a past President of the New England Sports Turf Managers Association (NESTMA). During his presidency he led the affiliation of NESTMA into the STMA chapter network. He will be the board liaison to the STMA Membership Committee.
Jacobsen matches golfers’ donations
By Patrick Allen

Ninety-five of the one hundred forty-four golfers scheduled to play in the cancelled SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament donated all or part of their registration fees to the Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE). Additionally, Jacobsen has generously pledged to match 50% of the $11,797 donated by the players, meaning a total of $17,695 has been raised for SAFE. Without a swinging a club or posting a score, the would-be golfers and Jacobsen have made the tournament a tremendous success for another year.

"Having to cancel the tournament for the first time was disappointing for us," says Karla Cuculi, Jacobsen’s Director of Marketing Communications. "However, we felt that through matching the donations of the individuals and companies scheduled to compete, Jacobsen could still contribute to the SAFE Foundation at a level similar to years past."

Since the inception of the tournament, the field has grown from fewer than 80 to a full tournament of 144 golfers. "Jacobsen originally hoped to establish a reliable source of income for the SAFE Foundation, and to be able to expand that source in the future," says Monty Montague, regional sales manager out of Phoenix, and organizer of the tournament. Montague continues, "Looking at the numbers, it seems that has been accomplished, and we look forward to hosting a full field in future tournaments."

The prizes that were to be presented to the flight winners were auctioned off in the SAFE Live and Silent Auctions, bringing in more than $2,000. Montague and his staff worked the crowd on the STMA Exhibition floor, asking people to match the donations of the winning bid for Taylor Made drivers and "rescue" clubs.

The Seventh Annual SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament was scheduled for January 17 at the Quarry Golf Club in San Antonio. The Quarry would have provided a unique golfing experience; the entire back nine plays on the floor of a 100-year old limestone quarry. This golf experience is something that Jacobsen tries to provide for the players each year. "Courses like ChampionsGate last year, which hosts PGA players for the WorldPoints Father/Son Challenge every fall, are always fun. Next year in Phoenix, there are some amazing courses that we are considering, and the players will not be disappointed," says Montague. Jacobsen scours the region hosting the STMA Conference and Exhibition each year for a top-100 course and sometimes one that hosts the PGA Tour.

"One thing is certain; Jacobsen is committed to this tournament and helping the SAFE Foundation to attain its goals year-in, year-out," says Cuculi. SAFE, the students it supports, and the STMA members who tee it up each year couldn't be happier.

Jacobsen manufactures a full range of turf maintenance equipment and vehicles for golf courses, sports fields, and municipal grounds applications. The company markets Jacobsen brand products internationally...
through an extensive independent distribution network, and Ransomes brand products through independent distribution in Europe, Middle East and Africa. Jacobsen is a Textron company with headquarters in Charlotte, NC. Additional information is available at www.jacobsen.com.

The SAFE Foundation (The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments) was formed in 2000, to serve as the charitable arm of the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA). It was created to provide funds for research, scholarship, and education to help sports turf managers with the challenges they face in managing athletic fields. Since its inception, it has awarded more than $50,000 in scholarships and grants.

Golfers donating to SAFE


LeGros joins TURF & dirt Inc.

Steve LeGros is now TURF & dirt's Sports Turf Field Consultant for the Mid-Atlantic Region. LeGros has more than 22 years of experience in sports turf and sports field management gained through his positions at HERSEYPARK Stadium, the University of New Hampshire, and Paetec Park soccer stadium. LeGros has managed, constructed and renovated natural grass sports fields and has overseen the construction and maintenance of synthetic athletic field systems.

In 2004 he was recognized by STMA for raising the level of professionalism in the Sports Turf Industry with the Dick Ericson Award. "I am excited to have such a dedicated and talented professional join Turf & dirt” says Kurt Nilsson, President. “Steve is a major contributor to our industry”, says Nilsson, “and his experience in sports field and stadium operations management will be a great benefit to our company. Steve fits the company’s vision of providing the best possible customer service to sports turf managers and others who rely on us for their Green Industry needs.” LeGros can be reached at grstains@yahoo.com or 877-337-4505.

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